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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: G. Christian Alford et al.
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Group Art Unit: 2127
Examiner: Majid A. Banankhah
Title: PRIORITY IN A PORTABLE THREAD ENVIRONMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner
for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are shown below whether or not an amendment has been made.

Please amend the claims as follows.